

Remarks

Claims 1-2 and 5-9 remain pending. By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended and claims 3-4 and 10-19 have been cancelled.

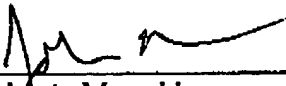
Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 4 and the subject matter of intervening claim 3.

Claims 1-3 and 5-19 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Clark et al., (U.S. 5,710,889) in view of Jai et al. (U.S. 5,991,402) and Merenda et al. (U.S. 2004/0148290). This rejection is moot in view of the incorporation of allowable subject matter into independent claim 1 and the cancellation of claims 10-19.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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